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Greetings of the season!
We hope that Santa Claus was good to you and yours.

Another year draws to a close. Let's hope and work for a bigger and better twelve months in 1937.

Health, wealth and happiness. What more could man wish for? Health and happiness would be enough.

Merchants of the Lake Okechobee region experienced four busy days this week. The stores were loaded with Christmas merchandise but last night found the shelves nearly empty.

Dozens of lighted Christmas trees have decorated the yards and porches of homes in the district during the holiday season. Each tree proved that the home took pride in arranging the Christmas effect.

From all reports many residents of this section will enjoy the first of that beautiful dinner today. Z. A. Geiger, Pahokee aviator, has been during the past week flying deep into the Lake Cypress and bringing out deer killed by local hunters.

Today should be one of the merriest days of the entire year in the Lake Okechobee region. No frosts. No floods. No hurricanes. Bains bringing a fair price and a dozen and one other things which should go to make this a happy place in which to live.

YOUR CHRISTMAS CANDLES
May they burn bright with Yuletide cheer and cast the beams of happiness and good will far into the New Year.
Like the soft melting, friendly glow of the light of good will and understanding we would cast our greetings to you for a cheerful holiday season. May no touch of despair or unhappiness mar a single ray of your Christmas candles and may they burn brighter and happier than ever before. And may the gleaming Christmas lights reflect the significance of this eternal day in our souls. We may realize how blessed are the memories of the past and how precious are the blessings of the future, but not forget the beautiful present in which we live and the tasks and obligations that are ours.

May we here and now dedicate ourselves to a greater love service to our country, to help lift the burden of humanity's heart, to relieve the distress of the poor, to sympathize with the sorrowing, and thereby help enrich our own lives and those with whom we come in contact. Let the light beams of peace and good will and happiness shine from your Christmas candles far and wide for the year that we are approaching as our wish for all.

CHRISTMAS OF 1936 FINDS FARMER WITH INCREASE IN INCOME

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—Christmas 1936 finds the Florida farmer in better financial condition than he has been in at Christmas time in several years.

To support this statement, officials of the State Agricultural Extension Service point to an increase of about 15 percent in agricultural income for 1936 over that of 1935. Total receipts from sale of farm products and federal payments during the nine-month period from January through September of this year were \$80,054,100, as compared with the total of \$68,451,000 for the same period in 1935.

Monthly receipts from the sale of farm products in September strikingly illustrate the increase in income. For September 1936 they totaled \$3,544,000, as compared with \$1,983,000 for the same month in 1935.

Increases in the prices of farm products are responsible for most of the increase in farm income. The Extension workers say. A relatively small portion of the receipts was agricultural payments, by the federal government.

During the period from January 1 to April 1, Florida citrus brought a price double that received during the same period in 1935. Citrus growers are hopeful the new year will bring a change in the present market prices of fruit and that the first three months of 1937 will see prices equal to or better than those paid in the first quarter of 1936.

AS OTHER EDITORS SEE IT

FAMILY ALBUM REMINDER
Do you ever get out the family album and take a look at the snapshots of some years back—back to 1900 or, say, 1907? They show mother moving about so easily beneath a sky-scraping collection of feathers, flowers and preserved fruits. Or a little later, she moved under the Merry Widow.

If you look far enough, you will see that it is not only the women who are similarly affected. By no means do they have a monopoly on old styles. Perhaps you will see father as he then appeared in his headgear—flat-crowned, narrow-brimmed things that tried their best to make a sober gentleman look dandy. And there you will see the collars of fame and story—three-necked affairs that, looked awful, felt awful and were awful. Besides which, they were next to impossible to fasten in front.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
—In the hope that you will have the choicest blessings of the day.

Sanitary Barber Shop
Murphy & Lashley
BELLE GLADE, FLA.

the inaugural parade at Tallahassee on January 8. Twenty-five graves in full trial robes will march on the capital steps.

Now is that fair to the unopposed redmen, backed in pristine innocence? It is safe to trust no among all those legislators and will become so sophisticated that he can spit tobacco juice 20 feet without missing a spot, and trade corner lots in the Everglades for enough cash wampum to buy a yacht?—Dayton Beach News.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By Russell Kay.

The 1937 Florida Orange Festival, under the personal direction of the inimitable Earl Brown who has made such an enviable record in presenting Florida's story through exhibits at A Century of Progress, Chicago, Rockefeller Center, New York and the Great Lakes exposition in Cleveland, has placed George Clemens in charge of exhibits and brought several members of his exhibit staff to Winter Haven—so the job of creating the 1937 show is well under way.

Since Persia is the legendary home of the Orange Festival, the entrance to the festival this year will take the form of a Persian Maypole, leading into a delightful oriental bazaar. The bazaar will stand the exhibition buildings housing the beautiful citrus exhibits.

Visitors who expect to find these buildings decorated with the flags and bunting will be disappointed, but at the same time pleasantly surprised, for in their stead will be modern scene drama that will convey the impression you are viewing these beautiful exhibits as you make your way through an actual citrus grove.

Many new features are planned in connection with the coming show, one of which is a gagante "Traitor Parade" and indications are that there will be at least a thousand of these highway hounds coming for the liberal prizes offered by the festival management.

Her Majesty, Queen of the 1937 Florida Orange Festival, will be selected on the opening night at the outdoor grandstand on the festival grounds. Already most planning to send their most charming and beautiful daughters to compete for this coveted title.

A baby show and parade is another feature which gives promise of much friendly rivalry and some of the tiny tots entered are most elaborate.

Growers, shippers and packers of citrus fruit, as well as manufacturers of citrus by-products and those engaged in canning, are all arranging to make artistic and interesting displays in their show and their opportunity to present Florida's Citrus Supremacy to thousands of tourists and winter visitors as well as to impress Floridians with the value and importance of this industry.

Newspapermen will be interested to learn that the annual Press Breakfast will be featured again and a committee is now at work planning the event. It promises to be a "wow" with plenty of punch and pep.

For those who like whoopee, the Royal American Shows provide America's finest midway attractions with a variety of new shows and rides to delight folks of every age.

From every standpoint, the 1937 Florida Orange Festival which is scheduled to be held in Winter Haven from January 17 to 22 will be an event well worth traveling a long way to see.

So taking all these facts into consideration, you'd better take my tip and mark down the date somewhere as you'll not forget the show and I'll be looking for you at the Florida Orange Festival in Winter Haven next month.

And when you visit Winter Haven, you certainly don't want to leave without seeing Dick Pope's wonderful Cypress Gardens. It is really one of Florida's outstanding show places and when Dick took me around last week and showed me what had been accomplished in the creation of this Fairyland I just can't believe my eyes. For exotic beauty it is beyond description. The flower lover will want to remain for hours and hours, and return again and again.

You make your way through tropical plantings of all manner of rare and beautiful plants, shrubs, trees and flowers, by jungle paths, furry rabbits peek out at you from the heavy underbrush, frisky squirrels scamper about, among trees while birds are everywhere. By all means see Cypress Gardens and I guarantee you'll not be disappointed.

Miami, Fla.—The making of ties for men has been stressed in recent meetings of Dade county home demonstration club women. The women have voiced much interest in this work and many attractive ties have been made, according to a report from Miss Daisy Norton, home agent.

Aracataca, Fla.—Formation of the Dade County Youthful organization was recently announced by County Agent R. H. Vance who has been in the establishment of the organization.

AT THE Churches

COMMUNITY CHURCH
South Bay
Alva B. Peck, Minister
10:00 a. m.—Sunday school, Mrs. H. C. Willitt, superintendent.
11:00 a. m.—Morning worship.

BAPTIST CHURCH
South Bay
F. C. Bloch
First and third Sunday a. m., second and fourth Sunday p. m., 7:30.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Pahokee
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
Young people's meeting, 7:30 p. m.
Mid-week prayer meeting, Thursday, 9 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pahokee
Jack P. Dalton, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Fencing service, 11 a. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7:30 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Belle Glade
Wm. Marshall Stottel, Pastor
10:00 a. m.—Bible school, G. I.

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS... A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

You have given us pleasure by letting us serve you, and at this season we derive added pleasure from wishing you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a NEW YEAR full of happiness!

Belle Glade Barber Shop
"Red" Gurkin

Cordially And Sincerely We Wish for You and Yours A Merry Christmas

May you long remember this Christmas as a day of unalloyed joy and memorable associations.

Bill's Auto Service
BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA

Joy Be With You At Christmas!

Glades Chevrolet Co.
Belle Glade, Florida Phone 9103

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Christmas Greeting!

S. M. BIVANS LUMBER COMPANY
BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA

Plumbing and Sheet Metal Works
Belle Glade Phone 27-W

Everglades Garage
BELLE GLADE, FLA.

COMMUNITY M. E. CHURCH
South Bay
A. B. Peck Pastor
December 27—The Potter's Wheel Parable
"I wish there were some wonderful place
Called 'The Land of Beginning Again'."

Where all our mistakes and all our heart aches,
And all our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door.
And never be put on again."

Looking Ahead to 1937
The Sundays in January and February, 1937, (afternoons) will be featured by the following special:

1. Vespers with the Epworth League young folks.
2. Illustrated lessons for the children of the Junior league.
3. Leland Weber, guest musician from Boston, Mass.
4. Community service addressed by County Superintendent of Public Schools, John I. Leonard.
5. Community sing, interspersed with special selection.

Face forward! Follow the Gleam! Put God First. Listen to the Voice!
"O Little Town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go down by."

Yet in thy dark street shineth
The everlasting Light,
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight."

Wanted ads in The Everglades News will pay big dividends.

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1936--1937 GREETINGS

Old Father Time just keeps on marching along and we welcome 1937 with open arms as the bringer of 365 days of opportunity for worth while achievement! At the close of the old year accept our gratitude for past favors and our best wishes for a happy New Year.

Camp Drug Store
THE PRESCRIPTION STORE
Belle Glade Phone 9105

With All Good Wishes For Christmas

We extend our greetings and best wishes in the spirit of the season, eagerly hoping that your Christmas will be bright and shining with all the things it may take to make you happy.

REEDER'S
Dry Cleaning and Laundry Agency
L. A. Reeder West Palm Beach

Wishing You A Merry Christmas!

TO OUR FRIENDS BOTH OLD AND NEW WE EXTEND THIS SINCERE GREETING

We wish for you an abundance of all the blessings that the spirit of Christmas can bestow, a liberal and overflowing measure of happiness, contentment, peace and prosperity.

RADER DEPARTMENT STORE
CAMP RADER
Belle Glade Phone 9112

We Wish You MUCH HAPPINESS For 1937!

A big share of our assets is the good will you have shown toward us. As the New Year begins, we place your friendship as the greatest single item on the inventory of our business.

We are grateful for this, so therefore we greet you in all sincerity at this season and express the hope that 1937 will be good to you in every way!

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Cone Realizes—

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led its delegations to two national conventions and proudly recalls his part in helping nominate Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932. When Cone entered a 14-man race for governor in the first primary this year, he had friends in virtually every city, town and hamlet of Florida, from among

whom they could erect a campaign organization. Among his acquaintances he numbered the state's bankers, his part in helping nominate Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932. When Cone entered a 14-man race for governor in the first primary this year, he had friends in virtually every city, town and hamlet of Florida, from among

away from discussing issues that will arise during this term. "It's just going to be a plain, Democratic, business government," says Cone, "run on an economical basis as possible."

WEATHER

Temperature and Rainfall at Canal Point, Florida.			
Week Ending December 20, 1936			
Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
Dec. 14	85	62	
Dec. 15	77	62	
Dec. 16	72	61	0.33
Dec. 17	71	48	
Dec. 18	72	45	
Dec. 19	80	52	
Dec. 20	67	45	0.61
Average	75	54	0.28
Total rainfall since Jan. 1, 1936			59.22

Exhibit manager, George Clements, of the Florida Orange Festival, to be held at Winter Haven, Jan. 17 to 22, states that space reservations exceed all previous years and exhibitors are planning some magnificent citrus displays.

The reason butter is shipped in glass-lined vats is because acid in ripened cream corrodes metal.

WANT ADS

RATE—1¢ a word, 25¢ minimum, strictly cash in advance—closes at 5 p.m.

FOR SALE—Real estate. C. A. Bailey, Pahokee, Fla. 11.

FOR SALE—House car, partly furnished, a real buy at \$60 cash. C. A. Bailey, Pahokee, Fla. D-18.

LANDS FOR RENT—For spring crops. H. F. Pierce, Belle Glade, Fla. 21-p.

FIRE INSURANCE

Let Me Insure You Against Fire Loss. Our Policies Cover All Items

R. K. HARRIS
Phone 9 Belle Glade

Christmas Is Here

—and we hope that jolly old St. Nicholas loads you down with all the different kinds of good things there are.

May You Be Rich In Happiness and Peace This Christmas

Everglades Sheet Metal Works
A. G. DeLones
Belle Glade, Florida

1936 - 1937
OUR APPRECIATION IS SINCERE!

Let us thank you for your business favors in the year now closing, and express the wish that 1937 will be the year in which your dreams come true.

Mother's Lunch
Mrs. Ellen Wright
BELLE GLADE, FLA.



FOR many years Marcella had not been exactly happy on Christmas; somehow she had never received the pretty things bestowed upon her. "If they all only knew how I have secretly longed for those soft, dainty luxuries," thought Marcella, as she sat before the fire place, just three days before Christmas.

"There are those kitchen aprons, for instance, from dear old aunt Lucia. Every year, as far back as I can remember, it has always been aprons. I must have almost a dozen by now. There is cousin Martha who has been sending me those inevitable handkerchief right along, year after year. There must be quite a collection of them, too."

While she had been grateful and thankful for these kind remembrances, she had not been exactly thrilled.

A happy Christmas thought suggested itself to Marcella as she glanced out at the blinding white snow in the moonlight. "I'll start right now and wrap up all these things into pretty Christmas parcels and give them to some one who really needs them."

When Christmas day arrived Marcella started out with her basket brimming full of beautifully wrapped and tied Christmas gifts. Every step she took over the soft carpet of snow represented a kindly thought of cheer.

"Merry Christmas," she cried, as she handed a bright colored parcel to dear old Lucia Larsen.

"The very same," she cried, with a questioning look of surprise. The next moment she was proudly unwrapping a pair of pretty bath towels. Marcella and Daisy two little girls around the corner, danced up and down with joy when they saw the money handkerchief with colored borders. Marcella smiled happily as she left the little girls and proceeded to her next stop. Elsie Lynn was overwhelmed with surprise when a gift was handed her. She explained that it had been years since she had received a Christmas present.

After several other interesting calls Marcella started for home. The street lights flashed on and the glittering Christmas trees joined in the ceremony on all sides of her. As she drew near her own home she stood still a moment and admired the grandeur of the dark pines encircling the house under a white burden of snow. The vibrations of colors gleaming from the windows seemed to be stretching out to meet the girls.

Inside the house was warmth and joy and Christmas cheer as the children gathered about the Christmas tree, pointed with the star of Bethlehem. Marcella was just in time for the celebration. Bobby had been chosen to read of the names upon the gifts and all eyes were centered upon the huge basket containing them.

"First on the program," shouted Bobby, "is for another." All eyes wondered what it could be.

"A gorgeous lamp shade," cried mother, as she held it up for all to see.

While still admiring this thing of beauty, Bobby shouted louder than ever, "something for the governor, himself. Get ready, pop, for your surprise."

"What can the strange package be, for goodness sake?" said father, his eyes popping with interest. "Well, I do declare, if it isn't gold set. Just what I have wanted for a long time," as he started to examine it.

"Oh boy, hold-out your hands and catch. Dot, a ducky present for you, all tied with silver cord. What is it? Open it quick!"

Dot removed the bright red tissue and disclosed a white wool skating outfit.

Marcella had been so absorbed in what the others were receiving that she had forgotten all about herself. For the first time in many years she had received the things she really adored. With a heart full of appreciation and joy, she suddenly shouted, "Merry Christmas!" The others did not quite comprehend the extent of Marcella's enthusiasm, but she, herself, felt somehow, that this had been the very happiest, merriest Christmas she had ever had.

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"WONDER if Harris would care? Shall I do it, then send him his afterward?" Rachel stunted, the morning of Christmas Eve, looked admiringly at the brilliant tree in the pleasant living room, then hurried to brush snow from the back porch, planting.

"I've cleaned the driveways to burn and road but will have to do it again today. What were you saying?" he was interrupted by Rachel.

"The radio announces that the snow plow from Warren has stuck at the corner and will have to be dynamited out. No one can get through highways farther than the crossroads' corner," Rachel hurried to the telephone's ringing.

"It was Martha calling. She and Gene and the children started here but are blocked in at a home of old strangers. I wish we could get food to the Harrison family in the bottom. They have no telephone, no near neighbors, and would freeze if they tried to get here through high drifts. Such a winter! It looks as though our Christmas will be 'wet two,' she sighed at the color-lighted tree.

"Well, I see I'll have to shovel out the driveways again," Harris announced, pulling on jacket and gloves.

Later when he went inside to warm his fingers he heard Martha humming and was thankful that she was cheerful over the disappointment of Christmas eve without her relatives. Orders of savory food and the attractive table with Christmas lights, very kind tree, were stumped in after evening chores were finished.

"This will be the worst so far this winter. The wind is rising and snow blowing. A terrible night. Such a one would venture on highways—where is the tree?" Did you dump it outside because Harris' fingers didn't work? He looked, to be sure Rachel was safe.

The Visitor Pointed Toward the West. "That Light Guided Us," then at the empty corner where the tree had stood.

"Yes, the radio announced the temperature will be lowest of season, so far."

"The tree, Rachel! Did you throw it?" "That's exactly what I did—only didn't throw—" a shout from outside sent Harris quickly to the door.

Come in from the terrible blizzard, but it was either to get here! Rachel helped Harris unwrap five shivering visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison and children.

"Oh, it's been terrible getting here. But it was either to starve at home or risk getting here," Mr. Harrison wheezed. "What, how did you?" Harris began.

"Outside—see the dogs. We hitched them to the sled. The blessed creatures helped us over drifts which are now frozen."

Steaming food was soon on plates and faithful dogs were lapping milk and broth near the kitchen range.

"How did you find the road in the way in blinding snow?" Harris looked puzzled.

"Well, we set to the top of King's Ridge in the pasture, and came toward the light. The light near your grove, back there," the visitor pointed toward the west. "That light guided us."

"What light?" Harris stammered. "Harris, dear, will you please carry our Christmas tree back into the house? I carried it outside this morning to the grove and put it on a fir bough, wild ducks and any other wild animals that need food and shelter. Then, tonight, I had a large lantern with a strong light on top the tree to guide whoever might need it."

"I had a lantern hanging into the night as nuts were cracked and corn popped. Christmas morning Mr. Harrison helped keep away from driveways and a path to the grove where the children carried food to a stack of fodder while the men had placed for the wild animals."

"Snow may be drifted high outside. But kindness inside of me needs never be blocked so it can't be scattered and be a good to others," Rachel mused after the happy Christmas of the worst winter.

LAKE HARBOR NEWS

A Christmas topic was discussed by members of the Senior Christmas Endeavor at their devotional meeting Sunday evening, following which the young people practiced for the entertainment to be presented at the Community church Christmas Eve. Those present were Polly and Willy Grant, Marvin, Fred and Major Lee, Donald Burckett, Crawford Royal, Edna and Vernon Henderson, Bertha Perkins, Dorothy and Gladys Eldon, Jim Beardsley, Ralph and Moya Bishop, Millard Scott, Mary and Muriel Merriam.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Lee were honored with a linen shower Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lee. A large number were in attendance and the newfangled received numerous gifts. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grant, James Polly and Billy Grant and Miss Prescilla shopped in West Palm Beach the first of the week.

P. D. Shupin of Sharns, Fla., is here for a few days taking the place of F. E. C. Agent Myra, who is moving his family to this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Woods and children motored to West Palm Beach Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Larrick, daughter, Virginia, and Miss B. Scogin motored to West Palm Beach Sunday to meet Mrs. Larrick's mother, Mrs. Corley, who came from Augusta, Ga., for a holiday visit with her daughter and family.

Blountstown, Fla.—Calhoun county's biggest cooperative hog sale was held last month. A total of 119,321 pounds brought a total of \$8,252.29 to Calhoun county farmers. County Agent John Kelley reports.

Bushnell, Fla.—One hundred and eighty-nine Sumner county girls are now enrolled in 4-H club according to a report from Miss Evelyn Lofton, home agent. There are eight clubs thus far in the county.

Just An Old-Fashioned Greeting—

MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the day bring you a Wealth of Happiness and Joy, rewarding you with all the objects of your heart desire. Let us thank you, and wish you a happy New Year during the year and hope that your New Year will be a good one.

Standard Service Station
Ivan L. Van Horn
Belle Glade, Florida

Many Thanks and Best Wishes!

We recognize the fact that our business could not grow without your friendly patronage, and as we face the future with confidence, we want to wish you a NEW YEAR that will have nothing to be desired in Opportunity and Accomplishment.

Johnson's Shoe Repairing
Clothing—Shoe Repairing
A. A. Johnson, Prop.
BELLE GLADE, FLA.

Here's Wishing You A New Year of Great Success!

There's something solemn about the beginning of a new year—an implication of renewed opportunity that causes us to wish to express the hope that you will find 1937 the year in which your efforts are crowned with success and your dreams come true as your own hands build toward the stars.

PIONEER DRUG STORE
R. P. FLETCHER, Prop.
Phone 3021 Pahokee

The Best Things Of Christmas Are Free!

THE CHEERY GREETING . . . THE NEIGHBORLY HANDCLASP . . . THE SMILING FACES OF LOVED ONES . . . THE FRIENDLINESS . . . THE COMRADESHIP.

In this spirit we greet you at this glad season, and express the hope that Christmas will extend in memory all through the days of the New Year.

CARL S. LUNN
GROCER CANAL POINT

LOOKING BACKWARD AND LOOKING FORWARD!

As we look back upon 1936, we are thankful for your contribution during the year and wish to express our gratitude.

Looking forward into the days of the New Year, we see evidence that good efforts will be worthily rewarded, that progress and prosperity will make this land and this community its abiding place. Full steam ahead—with confidence, courage and co-operation.

Burns Electric Company
Box 628—Pahokee Phone 2671 Belle Glade

Christmas Joy To You and Yours!

Valuing your friendship and loyalty as we do, we want to broadcast our Christmas greetings far and wide to each and every resident of this community, young and old alike.

We hope that your Christmas will be one of great joy and that your New Year will be full of the things that you most want.

B&B Cash Gro. & Market
Ralph, Ed and James
BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA

Hearty Good Wishes for A Very . . . MERRY CHRISTMAS

We hasten to give you the greetings of the season, and to add the personal wish that this will be the happiest Christmas your life has ever held.

Independent Market

BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA

Our Books For 1936 Won't Balance--

—Until we make acknowledgement of your friendship and support during the year now closing, and take this means of expressing the hope that the New Year will bring you unlimited success and happiness.

GOLDEN EAGLE BAR

BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA

WE THINK OF YOU AT . . . CHRISTMAS

Our very best wishes go to you at this season of Christmastide. We hope that your Yule will be pleasantly full of the things which will make you happiest.

Cabin Dry Cleaners

Paul Davidson
BELLE, GLADE, FLORIDA

Christmas Is The Flower Of The Year!

It is the day of days . . . when hearts are relieved of the workaday pressure and the spirit of Christmas takes possession of everyone, creating a harmonious world of good will and friendly neighborliness.

In this spirit we greet you at Christmas, giving you our whole-hearted hope that it will be a great day for you, one long to linger in your memory.

C. A. BAILEY

Grocery and Real Estate Pahokee

Wishing Everyone A
Merry Merry
Christmas

The
Everglades News

The Curtain Comes Up On A NEW YEAR!

The New Year is showing with the prospect of great progress and prosperity, and we cordially bid you accept our hope that it will be a year of worthwhile ambitions and deeds. For 1937 we wish you unbounded happiness and success.

ALSTON DRUG STORE
BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA

Whatever The Coming Year May Bring---

—and we honestly believe that it will bring more than the ordinary year's share of good things—we want you to know that we have vastly appreciated your good will and patronage during 1938, and give you our cordial thanks.

We cannot but feel that 1937 is a New Year packed with promise and crowded with opportunities for worthwhile achievement.

Belle Glade Dry Cleaners AND LAUNDRY

Phone 113 L. J. Warren

A TOAST To The New Year

Here's to 1937! May its promises that seem so bright in prospect turn into actualities under the careful efforts of all of us. May the opportunities that now loom so large be converted into achievements for greater peace, progress and prosperity. This is our New Year's Wish for you, our friends who have helped us to build this business on the foundation of service.

Household Furnishings, Incorporated

Phone 123 Belle Glade, Fla.

Pahokee Personal « Items »

CHRISTMAS PARTY CONDUCTED BY CLUB

The Pahokee Woman's club conducted a Christmas party at the clubhouse Monday with Mrs. B. J. Barwick, chairman of the Christmas program, in charge. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments and favors were served.

A brief business session with Mrs. J. W. Cochran, president, in charge preceded the social. The committee in charge of buying the club lot reported that only one \$50 note remained to be paid on the property.

Others present were Mrs. H. A. Littman, Mrs. V. C. Denton, Mrs. A. H. Dalton, Mrs. Baskett, Mrs. G. M. Belp, Mrs. Ben Waring, Mrs. J. A. Hughes, Mrs. A. Millberg, Mrs. B. F. Hughes, Mrs. J. R. York, Mrs. George Parton, Mrs. W. O. Helms, Mrs. Terry Sellers, Mrs. A. Hansen, Mrs. W. C. Cate, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Ansil Holt and others.

T. B. Crawford has returned to his home in Red Bank, N. J. after visiting friends in Pahokee and West Palm Beach.

Mrs. J. W. Cochran accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mizelle and family went to Georgia Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Ruth Royal is spending the holidays with relatives in Belle Glade and Lake Harbor.

Miss Elizabeth Stuckey is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Stuckey, here during the holidays.

Mrs. J. T. Johnson and son, Earl Hensley from Clarendon, Arkansas, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Holton and family during the Christmas holidays. This is their first visit to Florida.

Mrs. Henry S. Lovett and daughter have returned to their home in Pahokee from the Kiplin maternity home in West Palm Beach.

Mrs. R. J. Simonson, who recently underwent a sinus operation at the Good Samaritan hospital in West Palm Beach, returned to her home here Monday. She was accompanied by Mr. Simonson and her daughter, Mrs. Robert Hutton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Repper have returned to their home here after visiting friends in Orlanoma, Pa. They were accompanied by Mr. Repper and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Beal Faulk of Shelbyville, Tenn., are guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Elliott. They were accompanied by their sons and Mr. and Mrs. W. Vanatta and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Demp McClellan and family are spending the holidays in Miami with Mrs. McClellan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Williams.

Bushnell, Fla. Two organizations for the improvement of livestock in Sumter county were recently formed. These, according to County Agent W. J. Pitt, Jr., are the Oxford Hog Sale association and the Sumter County Livestock association.

WHY DUST?

Sprayed Beans Will Give You Bigger Yields

Experience has demonstrated that the average acre of beans sprayed with Sulfocide will yield as large a crop as two acres dusted with Sulfur, as it gives you more successive pickings. If you doubt, believe it—try it! Then you'll realize that no longer can you afford to seed, plant, cultivate, fertilize and dust two acres to save the spraying with Sulfocide on only one acre.

Commence spraying with Sulfocide 1 to 200, just as your beans come through the ground. Keep new growth covered and spray especially just after picking. Start spraying your tomatoes, peppers and egg plants in the seed bed.

The best dealers in Florida sell Sulfocide. It will pay you to insist on having it. Ask for helpful leaflet, "Sulfocide the Bean Spray."

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The Bean Spray

Time for Christmas Dollies



Santa Comes Marching Home

BY
ALICE B.
PALMER

Great preparations were in progress for the annual Christmas reunion at the Thomas home in Glendale. Lauris was decorating the living room with streamers of red and green and hanging bells and mistletoe above the doors. The holly wreaths were already hung and father had arranged the colored lights on the evergreens in the front yard the night before.

"Will be home for Christmas," "Johny"

Mother had proudly read the telegram about the Christmas reunion at the Thomas home in Glendale. Lauris was decorating the living room with streamers of red and green and hanging bells and mistletoe above the doors. The holly wreaths were already hung and father had arranged the colored lights on the evergreens in the front yard the night before.

All was bustle and bustle in the kitchen of fragrant odors. Mother was wholly surrounded by delicious four cream cookies which she was busily timing in the Christmas colors of red and green. The refreshing aroma of the traditional curd, room seed and of the spice, was most pleasing. Even little Tim was



Johny stood, agitated, taking in the whole situation.

privileged to aid in this glorious Christmas preparation.

When things were well on their way toward completion, mother sent the children into the living room. "I want you to pack all the gifts in that large box the grocery brought," said mother. "And wrap that holly paper around it so it will look more Christmas-like."

"All right mother," they shouted, in a chorus of happy voices, as they scampered in. They had glorious fun among the gifts, taping them beneath the sides of the gaily colored wrappers and feeling to try and guess the contents. Mother chuckled within as she

Santa Is Okeh In His Proper Place, Some Think

CHICAGO, Dec. 23—Santa Claus is all-right if you keep him in his place, educators said today.

His rightful place, they agreed, is that of a legendary hero, and he won't do any harm if he isn't made a "flesh and blood Santa."

"The Santa Claus legend is worthwhile," said Dr. John J. B. Morgan, professor of child psychology at Northwestern University. "It provides enjoyment for children and should be encouraged. But it is apt to be harmful if you lie to the child when he comes seeking the truth."

Dr. Frank Freeman, professor of Educational Psychology at the

University of Chicago, never told his children there was no Santa Claus. He said they grew up "naturally" in the belief, and just as naturally grew out of it.

Probably the best way to handle the Santa Claus problem, said Dr. Mandel Sherman, associate professor of educational psychology at Chicago, would be never to develop the myth.

"But if parents wistful," he said, "they could make him a figure in a play in which he is the symbol of the idea that we as adults like to feel—the spirit of the season."

Clarence Darrow, famous lawyer, commented cryptically: "Nobody believes in Santa Claus. Children just do beyond babyhood what is worth raising anyway."

An OLD Wish, But SINCERE-- Merry Christmas

May this holiday season find you the recipient of a thousand of the choicest gifts of the Santa Claus of good cheer.

Please accept our grateful greetings and our genuine hope that this will be the gladdest Christmas that has ever come to you.

Without the good will of our friends and patrons we would have but small pleasure, even though our business prospered.

We hope you'll take this as our personal best wishes for YOU, and YOU . . . and YOU!

Pahokee Dry Goods Co.

CANAL POINT

PAHOKEE

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

May Christmas Bring You Great
Joy and the New Year Bring
You Success!

In gratitude for your friendship to our organization, we offer you the season's best greetings, flavored with the sincerity of our appreciation.

As you go onward through the days of the New Year may they be increasingly full of happiness and worthwhile achievement for you, sweetened with the memory of a Christmas overflowing with peace and contentment.

Bank of Pahokee

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
PAHOKEE, FLORIDA

Joyous Christmas Greetings

As Christmas approaches and the world is flooded with the spirit of that first Christmas 1936 years ago, we hasten to extend our season's greetings to you!

With our whole heart we wish for you an abundance of your dreams come true. We wish for you the realization of supreme happiness in the real spirit of Christmas.

Coca Cola Bottling Co.

Phone 5457

West Palm Beach

Forester Baker Cautions Hunters On Forest Fires

The forest fire season is here again and State Forester Harry Lee Baker cautions those who use the woods to be particularly careful with fire. Fires caused by matches, pipe ashes, cigarette and cigar butts, and camp fires can be entirely eliminated when they are properly handled, stated Mr. Baker. As a matter of fact, only 8 per cent of all the fires in the United States in 1934 were caused by lightning. When people are careful with fire in the woods, there will be practically no burned forests.

The matter of keeping our forest lands productive, primarily through organized fire control, is so vitally important to the economic and social condition of our state, continued Mr. Baker, that a few precautions on how to prevent fires are mentioned. Break the match in two before throwing it to the woods, or place in a car ash tray. Be sure the pipe ashes, cigarette or cigar butt is dead out before throwing into inflammable material. To the campers, hunters, fishermen and others who build camp fires, a few precautions are suggested which will prevent forest fires.

Locate the camp fire away from overhead inflammable material; clear a space five feet in diameter down to mineral soil; keep the fire small (it will cook better and not be uncomfortably hot). Never build a camp fire against a tree, log, or near any brush. It is desirable to dig a pit or build a simple rock fireplace, if rock is available, to prevent the fire from spreading and to obtain more heat for cooking and warmth. A bed of hot coals is preferable to a brick blaze for cooking. The essential part of the story on how to build a camp fire comes after it has served its purpose. Pour plenty of water on the fire until it is completely out and nothing remains smoldering. If water is not available, smother the fire with dirt.

Mr. Baker concluded by stating that about 20 per cent of the forest fires in 1934 were caused by the carelessness of smokers and campers. If these few precautions are observed, Florida's forest fire damage will be materially reduced during the coming fire season.

Christmas, Florida, In Limelight As Thousands Want Postmark

CHRISTMAS, Fla., Dec. 15.—Santa Claus, the jolly old man from the North Pole, has opened a branch office under the Southern sun and mystic palm trees.

His emporium here is Mrs. Juanita S. Tucker, postmaster of the town of 250 population, which makes in the national spotlight each Yuletide season.

The town of Christmas vies in activity with Santa's toy factory on top of the world. But instead of elfe aiding in the toy production, Uncle Sam lends a hand as the southern branch office.

Hundreds of thousands of cards, letters and packages are carried the Christmas post office. Each piece bears the cancellation stamp "Christmas, Fla." An accompanying cachet prints a little green Christmas tree, with lighted candles and under it is "Christmas Greeting, 1936."

"This year we have made preparations to take care of a land-slide business," Mrs. Tucker said. "It is estimated 500,000 pieces will carry the Christmas postmark."

"The mail carrier who used to carry the mail in an Austin has gotten a larger car in preparation for the rush, although this small place is really busy only once a year."

Christmas, Fla., is the only post office in the world to bear the name Christmas. The town was founded as Fort Christmas on December 25, 1835, and the post office was established under the name of Christmas in 1892.

"We send mail to several states in the United States and about 50 foreign countries," Santa's official representative said. "This year the early requests were from England, Scotland, New Zealand, Germany, Holland, Italy and Hawaii."

"More mail goes to New York State than to any other section. The smallest quantity goes to Oregon and Washington."

Mrs. Tucker gets many unusual requests and she tries to comply with each and every one. Christmas is going to celebrate Christmas in a big way, according to Mrs. Tucker.

"Our village has a community tree and Christmas pageant. There is candy for all the village youngsters. I always have a Christmas tree in the lobby of the post office and decorations of native holly and cedar to make things seem Christmassy for the public—although we do not have

the snow and things usually associated with the season."

Christmas is a quiet place. There are no moving picture theaters, no street cars, no trains and very little automobile traffic. But the life of the inhabitants is not dull. Most of the residents own small farms or citrus groves and there are parties, festivity and merriment in Christmas the year around.

Spanish Trend Is More Popular For Resorts

NEW YORK.—It may be just an old Spanish custom to tuck a big red rose over an ear but it's also forecast as the last word in chic for girls who dance beneath Southern stars this season.

There's no doubt about it, the Spanish influence is on the ascendency for evening modes upon which the spotlight will fall at resort festivities during the coming weeks. Previews of southern resort collections introduced by designers at the fifth annual Miami-Biltmore Fashion Show, disclose all sorts of sartorial tricks, sequins and threaded with gold.

Wispas of velvet, spangled with one's tresses and to emphasize the witchery of brown and blue eyes alike.

Clusters of scarlet hibiscus, that glowing tropical flower, are poised on the top of the head or fastened among curls to hold the veils in place.

Wee little jackets like those worn by the dashing Spanish caballeros are being featured by several designers for wear with dinner and evening dresses. In black velvet or metal cloth these jackets are just what is needed for the Southern nights when the evening coats currently worn in the north would be too heavy.

"Anyhow," states Earl Brown, general manager of the Florida Orange Festival, "Mr. Baldwin and the Archbishop of Canterbury won't have anything to say about who becomes queen of the 1937 Orange Festival. Her Citrus Majesty will be selected by a group of competent judges on the opening night of the 1937 show, Monday, January 17, at Winter Haven, Florida."



Christmas Good Wishes

MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

If I were gifted with the power of words and could express my feeling in shining syllables, I could not possibly add one whit to the genuine sincerity of the familiar greeting.

I do most earnestly hope that your Christmas will be a merry one, and that the New Year will be a twelve month in which your dreams come true.

W. H. "Hi" Lawrence

Sheriff

Palm Beach County



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR FULL OF HAPPINESS

We Wish The Best Of Everything For You, Our Friends!

Whatever your station in life, to young and old, to rich and poor, to all who have honored us with your friendship, good will or patronage, to all in the Lake region, we extend our cordial greetings of the holiday season.

May this 1936 birthday of the Prince of Peace bring to you an abundance of the finest blessings that the world has to bestow. May you be surrounded by your friends and loved ones, and may you go onward into the New Year filled with the spirit of hope, confidence and courage to meet life's problems day by day.

In the spirit of warm appreciation for the consideration you have shown us in the past, we wish for you a Christmas and a New Year that will be the best you have ever had.

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WEST PALM BEACH

**RING OUT THE OLD !
RING IN THE NEW !**

1937

*May The New Year Find All
Your Dreams Coming True*

As old Father Time bows the decrepit 1936 off the stage and ushers in the glowing, beaming, smiling, youthful 1937, we wish you, our friends and patrons, a very happy New Year.

May each month be filled with ever-increasing ambition, energy and accomplishment. May you move steadily nearer to your goal and at the same time keep setting your goal ever higher.

Kahn's Dept. Store

Pahokee

Belle Glade

**Let The Glad
Christmas Carols
Ring Out**

**Merry Christmas
To You**

...And A Happy New Year!

Here's our true Christmas wish: that the season will be the sweetest you have ever known, that you will be visited by all the objects of your heart's desire, and that the remembrance of Christmas 1936 will long abide in your memory.

B. ELLIOTT

Belle Glade

Pahokee

When Christmas Grew
Frances Grinwood

HE WAS a small boy named Tim who had never been more than ten miles from his home in the Ozark hills. His teacher said he couldn't even bound Arkansas, his own state, but what his teacher didn't know was how well he knew the mountain "crick" and the hill slopes circled with green-gold pine trees that bounded his father's tiny farm. He also knew what it took to keep a family of six children and that for as long as he could remember his father's farm had scarcely been able to produce enough to stretch over every need.

It was just before Christmas time that he heard his father tell his mother that if there was to be anything "extra" to give the day to the children, he'd have to get the ax and hack out a few ties. Her face went white, for she knew what that meant. So often had they been forced to remain on the tacking of a few ties to be sold to the railroad for wire, through the hills, that practically all their timber available for that purpose was gone. And trees don't grow overnight. She could tell by the look in her husband's face that he was taking a desperate and back-breaking chance of finding a few logs tough enough for the commission man to buy.

As she looked out of the window and saw the passing cars of winter "tourists" on the new scenic road the government had built through the hills, she wondered by what magic folks could come to own automobiles and take time off like that to go traveling. But she hadn't many moments to spare on such thoughts, for her husband had returned to say that the ax was to have taken it or what with the new road so near and strangers one made all with it.

The father had borrowed an ax from a willing neighbor but on the day before Christmas he was at his unhitched his Wain in the wagon lot. Christmas tomorrow and he had been forced to bring back the load from town. The commission man had been truly sorry, for he did need lots, just none of these were large enough. He crept up to a window, lest in the same of failure that made him ashamed to walk to his own door. There an odd sight straightened him. Inside were Tim and his mother joyously trimming a Christmas tree. Tim raced to the door to keep the younger children from bursting gleefully into the room and learning his great secret.

When the father entered the house, no one asked him about the ties. "Dad, dad!" Tim shouted. "Do you know those red berry trees that grow way up the crick?"

"Awful hard to get to, but when I found 'em I thought they were so pretty I took some to school. The teacher said that's holly and then I read about holly and learned that folks will pay for it to have for Christmas. So I gathered a lot of it and made me a holly stand up on the school road just holly!"

They would. And dad, they did buy it. Stopped their cars and said, "Why it's holly, who would have thought we'd find it here!" They wanted so much to have to work and hard getting it, but go, it was fun! I wanted to surprise mom and you, and now I'll tell you both that I made \$27.32. There's \$20 right now in that bureau drawer left after buying our Christmas. Gee, dad, I love this old farm! It's got lots of surprises on it yet. This one ain't the last one."

The father brushed a tear from his eye and kissed his wife. Then he shook hands with Tim, gave the kind of son a man can be right proud to own, he checked. "But dad, will you forgive me?" the boy suddenly implored. "Why Tim, forgive you what?" the father asked in surprise. "The boy led the way to the kitchen. "You see dad, I just had to have it!"

The father pretended to frown as Tim pointed and then he winked. "Well, being as it's just about Christmas for us, as well as the rest of the world, I guess I'll have to overlook it." For there in a far corner of the room stood the ax. It was Tim who had borrowed it.

But Once A Year
Helen Mattheson

"THANK goodness," said Martha Goodwin, bustling about her kitchen, "Christmas comes but once a year. She wiped back a loose wisp of graying hair with a weary gesture. "But it will be the seeing you again, Last," she murmured, thinking of her distant son. "Now, let's see. Those star cookies you're so fond of—"

She glanced at the hurrying clock. Loud shrieks of laughter under her "wings" interrupted her thoughts. Those new neighbor children again. If they were dirty—

She strode grimly to the porch. There was a path in the snow from their yard, around her, and back again to their own, where all four of them had apparently traipsed, pushing a snow ball across her walk in two places. A tussled started suddenly, and they were all tumbling about in the snow, shrieking at the top of their voices.

Martha scolded shrilly at them, and they stood up, on abashed lips the line of their steps. "The idea! On Christmas, too!" Martha chided. "Whatever is the matter with your men, that they let you make such a racket!"

"Sick!" Then all the more reason why you should keep still. Shame on you!" The little group stood like statues.

Martha tucked in the wisp of hair. "You children come in here and sit still while I work, and I'll tell you a story," she invited. "Mind you wipe your feet."

"I suppose it should be a Christmas story," Martha began. "Do you know about the shepherds and the wise men?"

"Yes," they chorused. "We go to Sunday school," added the oldest girl.

"Shall I tell you about Santa Claus?"

Her face clouded a little. "Mother told us that," she answered berily.

"Oh," said Martha. She dusted the flour from her hands and turned to baste the turkey. Four pairs of eager eyes watched her every move. The doorbell rang. "Ladies! Good heavens," cried Martha, slipping off her apron, and rushed to the door.

But instead it was a telegram: "ANYTHING SURELY DARING BUT I JUST CAN'T GET AWAY STOP DO TRY TO HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS STOP GO ON A SPIRIT AND I'LL FOOT THE BILL STOP EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO GET DOWN FOR NEW YEARS AND WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING THEN LOVE LADDIE."

Martha Goodwin read it twice. Then she smoothed the straying wisp of hair and went back to the kitchen.

"Well," the older girl was explaining, "it's sort of like a chicken, I guess, only ever so much bigger." The four children looked up as Martha entered. "Why, what's the matter, Mrs. Goodwin?"

"Gee," came a sympathetic chorus. "And you'd fixed everything so nice and—apt Christmas-y."

"Tim not going to have it spoiled," Martha decided. "Here,"

**PRESS WILL
BE HONORED
AT FESTIVAL**

WINTER HAVEN, Dec. 17.—(PNS)—President John F. Russell of the Florida Orange Festival, Winter Haven, announced this week that the annual "Press Breakfast" of the 1937 Florida Orange Festival on the evening of January 22, at the Haven hotel.

The following committee was appointed by President May to arrange the program: Russell, Kay, Florida News Service, chairman; George L. Burr, Winter Haven Herald; Gilbert Freeman, Highlands County Pilot; R. T. Glenn, Orlando Sentinel; R. T. Gallimore, Polk County Record; Sam Parabe, Lakeland Ledger; Jack Worthington, Lake Wales Highlands; A. Q. Brice, Lake Wales News; M. J. Lee, Haines City Herald; Guy Raul, Highland News; and C. A. French, Mulberry Press.

As in previous years, the Press Breakfast will begin around midnite and the program will be in the nature of a gridiron. The committee will meet this week, Kay stated, to discuss plans for the event.

PROGRESS
The only telephone system of its kind in the world was put into service Thanksgiving Day at Hobe Sound. It is a dial system with an automatic switchboard at the central office, which is unattended. In fact, the switchboard is locked up in a small building built especially for the purpose just behind the island inn. This system is unusual also in that all of the lines are under ground. Cables have been buried all over Jupiter Island and to the mainland because there are no alleys and property owners object to poles. The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company spent \$300,000 installing the new outfit. There are 156 telephones at Hobe Sound, of which 75 are at the Island Inn. There are five trunk lines to Stuart and four to Palm Beach—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Hollywood is accused of painting off palefaces as genuine Indians. Trouble is that no real redmen can simulate the impossible braves of wild-west fiction—Illinois State Journal.

Polar settlers in the new Siberian islands use hollowed blocks of ice as refrigerators.



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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Not through custom, not because of any hope of gain or profit, but purely because we feel that way about it, we give you our very best wishes for a happy Christmas and a New Year filled to overflowing with the accomplishment of all the things that are dearest to you in your dreams and ambitions.

LOU BETZNER

Hardware

Belle Glade

**Old, Yet Always New
Simple, Yet Full of Meaning**

IS OUR GREETING TO YOU...

Merry Christmas!

If we used a thousand words and a space many times this large we could not more adequately phrase our wishes for you at this season.

Happy New Year!

When 1937 replaces 1936 on the calendar of time, it is our hope that you will have twelve months of happiness abundantly filled with the success of all your plans.

W. H. VANN, INC.

Broker

Canal Point



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To Everyone In The Lake Okeechobee Region

And To Santa's Greetings Let Us Add

The greatest asset in our business is your good will. Our appreciation of your loyalty and patronage cannot be measured in words, we know, but we feel that it is altogether fitting that we should make this grateful acknowledgement of our dependence on the friends who have been our patrons through all the good years and the bad ones, too.

It is with a feeling of deep humility in the presence of this feeling that we eagerly extend to you . . . and you . . . and you . . . all our friends everywhere, the sweetest greeting ever known to the tongue of mankind . . . MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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